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SUBJECT: 30TH GA - ITEM 63: DISASTER RELIEF

PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVE IN SECOND COMMITTEE IS
CIRCULATING A PROVISIONAL DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE SITUATION CREATED IN PORTUGAL BY THE INFLUX OF
RETURNEES FROM ANGOLA. USUN HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO
CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF CO-SPONSORING THIS
RESOLUTION. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON THE
RESOLUTION AND ON THE QUESTION OF USG CO-SPONSORSHIP.

QUOTE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGUESE RETURNEES FROM
ANGOLA

CONSIDERING THE ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE BY ANGOLA ON
THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER 1975, IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECOLONI-
ZATION PROCESS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER, OF RESOLUTION
1514 (XV) AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

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NOTING WITH CONCERN THE EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT THE GOVERN-

MENT OF PORTUGAL IS FACING AS A RESULT OF THE HEAVY INFLUX
OF RETURNEES FROM ANGOLA;

RECOGNIZING THE HEAVY BURDEN PLACED ON PORTUGUESE NATIONAL
RESOURCES ALREADY GRAVELY STRAINED BY A SEVERE BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS DEFICIT;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL TO DEAL WITH THE EMERGENCY SITUATION
CREATED BY THE HEAVY INFLUX OF THE RETURNEES;

BEARING IN MIND THAT ASSISTANCE EXTENDED TO MEMBER STATES
THAT HAVE SUFFERED EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IS AN EXPRESSION
OF THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY EMBODIED IN
THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED
TO PORTUGAL BY SOME GOVERNMENTS, THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND IN
PARTICULAR THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR;

1. URGES ALL MEMBER STATES IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO
PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN RELIEF EFFORTS.

2. INVITES GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND OTHER DONORS TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST
SUPPORT WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES TO THE ENDEAVOURS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR IN MOBILI-
ZING AND CO-ORDINATING RELIEF ASSISTANCE.

3. INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE 60TH
SESSION OF ECOSOC ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THIS RESOLUTION. UNQUOTE
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